

both going up and coming
down the river. I suppose your
having lots of snow and nice
sleighing but I have not seen
a flake of snow this winter
and probably will not see any
untill I get back to New York state
the weather here ~~now~~ now is like
~~the~~ June at home the leaves on
the trees look green as ~~in~~
in summer and the yards
full of ~~new~~ flowers of all
kinds. take it all together it is
the pleasantest country that I
ever saw. I dont think but
very little of your New York state
winters so I think that I will
stay here this winter. and
go home about next July.

We have not had any mail
in most a month and

will not get any until the
rest of our regt gets here. they
probably have got some for us
I begin to feel as if a letter
from home do me a ^{great} deal
of good. Harrison wrote one
from Ship island I thought
that I would not write there
for some said that our mail
would not leave there till
after we did. I never have
heard whether the money I
sent you ^{had} got there all right
or not I have got the receipt
for it with me. we will be
mustered for pay tomorrow
again but dont know how
soon we will get it but I
hope it will be before a great
while. The boys from Leonards
vill are all well ~~ex~~ except Lint
Searl he has got the fever he
is getting better I believe

Jim Dunn has been quite
sick with the same complai-
nt but he has got smart
enough to be with us
again. if you was to see
Sam to day you would
not know him his beard
has grown out long and
^{another} thing that makes him look
different he has not had
any liquor since we left
Camp Belger. which makes a
decided improvement in his
looks. This southern sun is
tanning us as black as a
negro almost. Well I have not
got time write any more
I want you to write just
as soon as you get this for
I want to hear from you
very much. It will be some
time before I will get an answer
it is only ~~24~~ 2400 miles the way
we come

Give my love to all and write
soon

Yours affectionately

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